

REMARKS

In an Election/Restriction Requirement included in the Office Action, the Examiner requires an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the claims of Group a (claims 1-4), Group b (claims 5-8), Group c (claims 9-18), or Group d (claims 19-24). Applicants hereby elect Group c (claims 9-18) for examination. Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

Moreover, Applicants have canceled non-elected claims 1-8 and 19-24 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants intend to pursue these non-elected claims in separate divisional applications based on the instant application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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